

AMENDMENTS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently amended) A wound dressing composition comprising an intimate mixture of a chitosan, an oxidized cellulose, and from about ~~at least 1%~~ 0.01% to about 5% by weight on a dry weight basis of at least one wound healing therapeutic substance, wherein the at least one wound healing therapeutic substance is selected from the group consisting of a non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug, a steroid, a local anesthetic, and an antimicrobial agent.
2. (Canceled)
3. (Previously Presented) A wound dressing composition according to claim 1, wherein said oxidized cellulose is in the form of dispersed fibers or powder.
4. (Previously Presented) A wound dressing composition according to claim 1, wherein said oxidized cellulose and chitosan are dispersed in a semi-solid or solid vehicle for topical application.
5. (Previously Presented) A wound dressing composition according to claim 1, wherein the oxidized cellulose comprises oxidized regenerated cellulose (ORC).
6. (Previously Presented) A wound dressing composition according to claim 1, wherein the oxidized cellulose and chitosan together make up at least 25% by weight of the material on a dry weight basis.
7. (Previously Presented) A wound dressing composition according to claim 6, wherein the oxidized cellulose and the chitosan together make up at least 50% by weight of the material on a dry weight basis.
8. (Canceled)

9. (Previously Presented) A wound dressing composition according to claim 1, wherein the composition is a flexible film.
10. (Previously Presented) A wound dressing composition according to claim 1, wherein the composition the weight ratio of chitosan to oxidized cellulose is from 1:10 to 10:1.
11. (Original) A wound dressing composition according to claim 10, wherein the weight ratio of chitosan to oxidized cellulose is in the range of 1:4 to 4:1.
12. (Previously Presented) A wound dressing comprising a wound dressing composition according to claim 1.
13. (Original) A wound dressing according to claim 12, which is sterile and packaged in a microorganism-impermeable container.
14. (Canceled)
15. (Canceled)
16. (Canceled)
17. (Canceled)
18. (Canceled)
19. (Previously Presented) A method of preparing an active wound dressing material comprising the steps of:
 - (i) contacting a composition according to claim 1, with a biological medium containing cell growth factors to bind the cell growth factors to the material; and
 - (ii) washing and drying the material having the cell growth factors bound thereto to form said active wound dressing material.
20. (Canceled)